## Jefferson County's Historic Listings

#### **10 Historic Districts**

- Downtown Charles Town HD
- Old Charles Town HD
- South Charles Town HD
- The Rocks HD
- Harpers Ferry HD
- Harpers Ferry National Historic Park
- Middleway HD
- Scrabble HD
- Shepherdstown HD
- Morgan's Grove HD

#### **89 Individually Listed Properties**

- Includes farms, schools and universities, churches, industrial, and public works/facilities
- Houser-Mahoney House
- Charles Town Opera House
- Cool Springs Farm
- Halltown Colored Free School
- Lee-Longsworth House
- Rellim Farm
- Charles Town Mining, Manufacturing, & Improvement Company Building
- Wild Goose Farm
- Allemong House

Properties Contributing to the Downtown Charles Town Historic District

- Resource #62 Jefferson County Planning Commission, c. 1915
- Resource #63 Jefferson County Mapping, Probation, & Appraisal Office c. 1910
- Resource #64 Jefferson County Teen Court, c. 1900
- Resource #66 Hunter House, c. 1820-30s
- Resource #78 N. Samuel Street, c. 1850s
- Resource #85 Jefferson County Jail, c.1920

THE COUNTY JAIL, CHARLESTOWN. W. VA.

## Jefferson County Courthouse

MOITY HALL, CHARLES TOWN, W.VA

- Originally constructed 1837
- Largely rebuilt after heavy damage during the Civil War, reconstructed 1871-1872
- One of 16 National Historic Landmarks in West Virginia
- Listed for its connection to the West Virginia Mine Wars and the treason trials of union miners held at the courthouse in the early 1920s

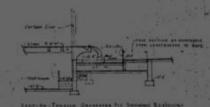
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West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office

# Planning Funding

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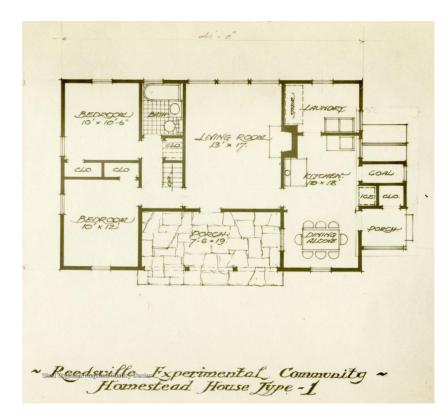
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# Survey & Planning Grants

WVSHPO - due October 31st

- Historic Structure Report Discusses a property's historic appearance, changes made over time, present conditions, and recommendations for rehabilitation plans.
- Feasibility Studies Detailed physical investigation of a property to determine the technical and financial undertaking required for a proposed project.
- Plans and Specifications Working drawings and technical specifications necessary for a rehabilitation project.



# History of Equal Rights Grants

- NPS deadline as Congress apportions funding, generally August
- For properties associated with equal rights movements
- Provides federal funding for pre-preservation costs such as architectural or engineering services of between \$15,000 and \$50,000 in federal share



# Physical Preservation Funding

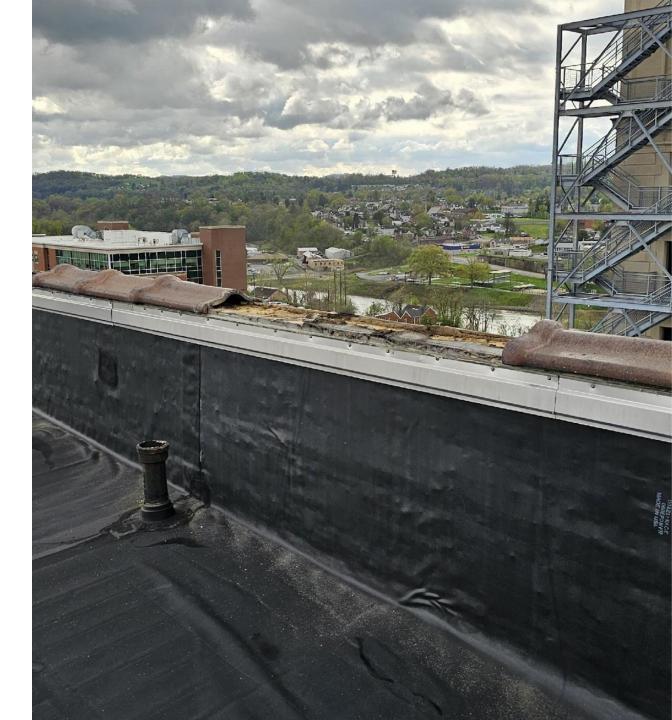
## Development Grants

- WVSHPO due March 31<sup>st</sup>
- 50/50 matching grant
- Can provide up to \$50,000 per project
- Must show benefit to the community:
  - Describe its significance to local history
  - Letters of support from mayor, representatives, historic landmarks commissions, preservation nonprofits, other community stakeholders



## **Emergency Grants**

- WVSHPO rolling deadline
- Provides funding for circumstances out of owner's control – generally cannot fund deferred maintenance
- 50/50 matching grant
- Up to \$10,000 mostly can fund stabilization





# Save America's Treasures

- NPS deadline as Congress apportions funding, generally December
- Properties must have national historic significance or be National Historic Landmarks
- For projects between \$125,000 and \$750,000 in federal share
- Requires a 50/50 match

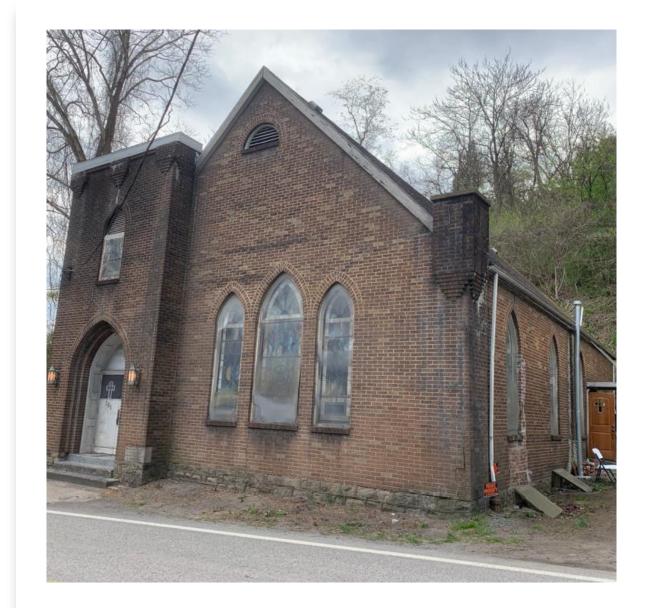


#### Paul Bruhn Grant Funding (subgrant)

- NPS grants funding to a municipality, non-profit, CLG, SHPO, etc.
- The grantee disburses funding to applicants who have applied
- The grantee determines:
  - Which types of projects to fund
  - How much each project will be awarded

### National Trust for Historic Preservation Grants

- National Trust Preservation Fund
- African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund
- National Fund for Sacred Places
- Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors



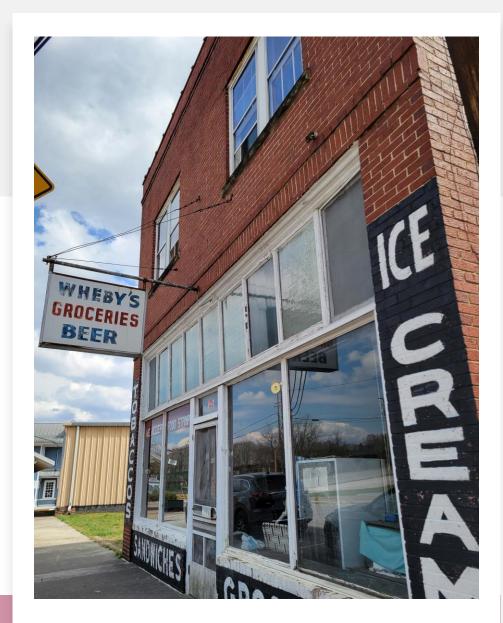
### Preservation Alliance of West Virginia

- Microloan Program
  - Provides loans at a 2% interest rate for 24 month periods
- Saving Historic Places Grant
  - Opens when PAWV has received subgrant funding, usually from the NPS



# Brownfields Assistance & Grants

- Funding and assistance for properties with hazardous substances or contaminants
  - Lead
  - Asbestos
  - Chemical waste



## Other Grants

- Regional Grants
  - State-wide preservation groups
  - Regional preservation orgs
- Friends Group Grants
  - City-wide preservation orgs
- Municipality Grants
  - Façade improvement grants
  - Upper-floor incentive grants
  - Reuse/development grants
  - General preservation grants



## Historic Tax Credits

- The HTC Program allows building owners who have completed a qualified, *certified rehabilitation* of a *certified historic structures* to receive an income tax credit based on the amount spent on *qualified expenses* during the rehabilitation
- Administered by the National Park Service and the WV State Historic Preservation Office
- Leveraged over \$70 million in private investment and earned historic building owners \$17 million in state tax credits in FY 2024
- Follows the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation
- 3-step application process



Ananias Pitsenbarger Farm, Franklin, Pendleton County

## Commercial Historic Tax Credit

25% State income tax credit, 20% Federal income tax credit

- Total: 45% tax credit on all qualified rehabilitation expenditures (QREs)
- Credit taken differently for Fed & State credits

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Building(s) must be listed on the National Register
- Expend the greater of \$5,000 or the adjusted basis of the building within 2 years (5 years if phased rehabilitation is described)
- Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation must be met
- Must be used as an income-producing property for five years after rehabilitation is completed







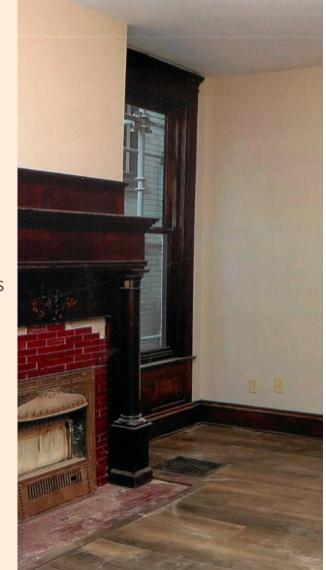
## Qualified Rehabilitation Expenditures (QREs)

#### **Qualified Expenditures:**

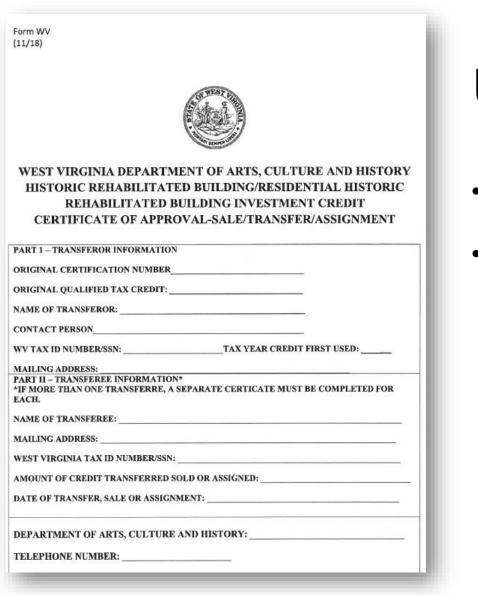
- Structural components of a building
- Walls, roof, electrical, plumbing, chimneys, windows, etc.
- Soft costs like architect/engineer fees
- Construction period interest and taxes
- Other fees charged to a capital account

#### Non-Qualified:

- Acquisition costs
- Additions/enlargements
- Appliances
- Cabinets
- Decks (if not part of original building)
- Exterior facilities work
- Feasibility studies



806-808 Main St, Wheeling



# Using Tax Credits

- Federal Historic Tax credits are **ineligible** for transfer, sale, or assignment
- State Historic Tax Credits are **eligible** for transfer, sale, or assignment
  - State HTC transfers must be approved by our office
  - Transfer Form found on the SHPO website
- Include approved Part 3, transfer form, phase determination (if applicable), and Tax Schedule RBIC or RBIC-A in submission to State Tax Department
- Reach out to State Tax Division for more information



## Questions?

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SHPO website – wvculture.org

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